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Anti-Inflation Committee Adopts Program for Action, Ask Ratification by Unions

All organizations affiliated with the California Farmer-Labor-Consumer Association have been sent copies of the 1945 Program for Action with a request that the organizations send in their ratification of the program along the financial contributions and other assistance to the association.

Grace McDonald, secretary to the executive council of the association, wrote these organizations:

"The fight against inflation is not yet won, even though, as in the killing war, we have scored a telling victory. We have strengthened our organization through making it officially representative of our five major sponsoring bodies: the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the Consumer Cooperatives, the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union and the Farm Research and Legislative Committee. Each of these organizations contributes its proportionate share to the budget, and each has two representatives on our newly elected Executive Council.

THE PROGRAM FOR ACTION, for 1945, adopted at the Annual Meeting November 30th, and submitted to all supporting organizations for approval, is now ready for use. It is enclosed for your reference, as are the By-Laws under which the Association will operate through peace and reversion.

"Basis of the plan adopted by the Executive Council is the decision that while we have achieved UNITY by agreement of the organizations making up the Executive Council, that UNITY must be built in the towns and counties which ARE CALIFORNIA, if the program is to produce better living.

"Our 1945 plan depends on re-affiliation of all farm, labor and consumer groups, and the financial support of all individuals who backed our 1944 Program, PLUS additional support of a much more concentrated nature in communities on the issues which spell post-war jobs and security.

"We would appreciate your cooperation along the following lines:

(1) A financial contribution through your organization of individually, or both.

(2) Check the enclosed blank, both from your organization and yourself, as to what part of the 1945 **PROGRAM OF ACTION** you feel you can carry through to the best advantage of the Association and your local needs, and return the white sheet to us, retaining the yellow copy for your records.

(3) List the people in your locality whom we should contact. **HERE IS THE 1945 PROGRAM FOR ACTION:**

1. Assurance of world and home markets and support prices to prevent food gluts and bankruptcy for farmers.

2. Assumption of our fair share of food shipments to liberated and conquered nations to relieve hunger and establish security, placing the people in position to start the wheels of industry and reconstruction.

3. **Approve Reciprocal Trade Agreements to re-establish world trade to the best advantage of our productive resources.**

4. Enforce price controls and rationing as long as there is danger of inflation, uncontrolled profiteering, and speculation.

5. Support moves of farmers and consumers to reduce the cost of living by mass production economies, development of producer and consumer cooperatives and establishment of growers' markets.

6. Measures to maintain full employment through federal and state funds to assist and supplement private and co-operative enterprises to reconvert from war to peace.

7. Assure annual wages in line with our expanding productive capacity and protect labor in organizing to maintain its wage and living standards.

8. Develop adequate federally supplemented state benefits for all the people in the event of unemployment, old age, illness and disability.

9. Provide the means for farmers, cooperatives, and small business men to purchase or contract for war plants, facilities, supplies, and equipment on a non-speculative basis through long-term, guaranteed low-interest, federal credit where necessary.

10. Support a sound system of taxation to adequately finance our national obligations and commitments, based on the ability of individuals and corporations to pay, and to encourage investment of risk capital and savings in work-producing reconversion projects.

Still In Control



In spite of the opposition of Senate conservatives, President Harry S. Truman has reappointed David Lilienthal (above) to another 9-year term as head of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Under Lilienthal's direction, the TVA has more than fulfilled its original purpose of rehabilitating southern industry and agriculture. (Federated Pictures)

Price Ceiling At 1942 Level OPA Objective

Washington, D. C. OPA has announced it hopes to hold retail prices to about the levels of 1942 by accepting industry figures on costs and applying a ceiling-fixing formula devised by its experts.

The OPA, it was learned from reliable sources, has studied some 30 groups of industries and applying its new system, found that prices would range from zero to 12 per cent higher than 1942—but this isn't too bad when considering that industry has been claiming it must have about 35 per cent more to do business now.

ABSORBING COSTS

What OPA hopes to do in the reconversion period, Administrator Chester Bowles said, is to insist upon industry absorbing higher costs of materials and of labor by recognizing the none-too-well publicized downward factors.

These, he explained, are decreased sales costs, short cuts in production learned during the war, the historical increase in labor productivity, which has averaged 3 per cent yearly, and increased volume over any previous period of the nation's history.

On the other hand, OPA's problem is complicated by the tendency of business to jockey for favorable positions, "outsmart Uncle Sam," and rock the consumer.

AGC ENTERS AGREEMENT WITH LABOR

Washington, D. C. In a joint statement that spokesmen interpreted as directed at maintaining AFL domination of the industry's labor and at keeping governmental action at a minimum, the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., and the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL announced an understanding to help solve mutual problems.

Focusing attention on the reconversion and post-war period, the two groups viewed construction as the largest major industry able to turn quickly to peacetime work, furnishing a large volume of employment and about 10 per cent of the national income.

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4. Retain within the industry control over its own problems rather than having to resort to federal or state legislation or administrative action.

SAYS UNIONS CONSULTED ON CUTBACKS

Washington, D. C. Labor is to be consulted closely on all aspects of reconversion problems that will arise during Period I—the period between the defeat of Germany and the defeat of Japan—WPA announced. Henry P. Nelson, whom WPA Chairman J. A. Krug has named coordinator of reconversion in the automotive industry, has gone to Detroit, where with D. Alan Strachan, WPA deputy vice chairman for labor production, he will meet with officials of the UAW-CIO, to acquaint them with steps already taken by WPA to cut the reconversion time for the automotive industry.

Most Veterans Want to Return To Previous Job

Washington, D. C. Less than a third of the 10 million GIs in the U. S. Army plan to go into government service or set up their own business after the war.

Among the more than two-thirds left, only about half the whites and a third of the Negro enlisted men plan to return to the same type of job they left in civilian life.

These statements came from the War Department in a survey of post-war plans of troops made by the Army Service Forces.

Republicans Block Fair Practice Law

New York City

FEPC bills outlawing job discrimination are being blocked in many state legislatures by a ganging up of Republicans and race hate groups, an analysis of union legislative reports indicates.

In Pennsylvania, despite plous assertions by GOP leaders that they were for a Fair Employment Practices Committee, Republicans in the general assembly worked in a solid bloc to kill the FEPC bill. A Democratic motion to discharge the measure from committee was defeated 28 to 18 on a straight party division.

GOP FIGHTS ACT

Republican Gov. Edward Martin, declaring that chances for anti-discrimination legislation were now killed for this session, blamed it on refusal of labor and Democratic leaders to accept compromises.

Martin, who threw his weight against passage of the measure, said he had hoped they could "get together on something more along the educational line."

The labor-backed bill provided for a 5-man FEPC to penalize unfair labor practices.

In Massachusetts, legislators have been flooded with smear propaganda by Merwin K. Hart, notorious American fascist, aimed at pending anti-discrimination bills.

Pamphlets from Hart's National Economic Council in New York brand as "communist" the FEPC bills which are backed by prominent civic leaders, businessmen, Catholic, Protestant and Jewish churchmen as well as by organized labor.

In Illinois, a state senate committee has been formed to investigate sources of anonymous circulars, pamphlets and letters which many senators received, attacking pending FEPC legislation. Republican opposition succeeded in causing a 3-month delay before the bill was introduced in the house.

Argentina Jails Hundreds After Conference Sect

San Francisco, Calif. Twenty-four hours after the United Nations Conference voted to seat Argentina, 500 people were arrested by the fascist Peron regime. Vicente Lombardo Toledano disclosed here, terming the Argentine admission "a great tactical error by the U. S. State Department."

Toledano, president of the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL), said he had been informed that widespread protests were sweeping Latin American nations because of Argentina's admission, which he ascribed to an "inexplicable" overnight change in U. S. policy. Toledano said the State Department made its gravest error in trying to fight Argentine fascism without enlisting the support of the Latin American nations.

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The church often strains at the gnats of individual peccadilloes and swallows the camels of social dualisms. —ALFRED RUSSELL WALLACE.

Okano, Leader of Anti-Fascist Jap Movement, Says Masses Deceived

New York City

Warning against too great hopes of anti-war feeling inside Japan, Shusshumu Okano, leader of the Japanese People's Emancipation League, told Allied Labor News Correspondent Israel Epstein in Yenan, North China, that "the majority of the Japanese people are still deceived by the militarists."

"If it were not so," he said, "Japan would present a different picture today." Okano, who ALN says is probably the best informed person in the Allied world on conditions inside Japan, stated: "Undoubtedly there is anti-war feeling among a section of the Japanese people, but it is not yet common."

To ignore this anti-war movement would be wrong, he went on, pointing out that this war is "against the interests of the Japanese people themselves and their only hope lies in an Allied victory in which they must participate by fighting the militarists."

Hundreds of Japanese working in the Japanese anti-fascist organization from North and Central China are already doing this, Okano said, but anti-war feeling inside Japan is still not widespread enough for the anti-fascists in Japan to agitate directly for the overthrow of the Sangyo Hoku-koku, the fascist mass organization.

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ORDERS PAY CONTINUED AT WAR RATE

Uniontown, Penn.

In a decision that may set a precedent for reconversion wages, the 3rd regional War Labor Board directed continuation of wartime wage rates for workers at Richmon Radiator Co., which has reconverted to peacetime production of bathtubs.

The company wanted reductions in wages to follow along with its resumption of peacetime production. WLB industry members dissented in the decision, which the company appealed to the national WLB. The workers are members of United Auto Workers.

Rejecting the company's proposal to cut wages, the regional WLB declared that such a policy "undoubtedly would produce a substantial deflationary pressure on the national economy." Such pressure, it held, is not consistent with the national interest.

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Maritime Union Scores Proposed Slashing of War Risk Insurance

New York City

The National Maritime Union has vigorously protested the announcement of the Maritime War Emergency Board that it is considering reducing the war risk bonus for merchant seamen due to the end of the war in Europe.

The board called a meeting for May 12 of representatives of seamen's unions to discuss its proposed program of establishing a world-wide floor of 33 1/3 per cent (\$40 monthly minimum) below which bonuses will not be reduced during the period of the war. At a special meeting here 700 NMU members approved a wire from union officials to the MWB calling for a 60-day postponement of the meeting in view of the chaos in the industry the bonus cuts might cause at this time.

Pointing out that basic wages for seamen today are substandard as low as 34c an hour in some ratings—the NMU said the proposed reduction in their take-home pay would have the effect of driving many merchant seamen into shore-side industry where wages are higher, in a period when the War Shipping Administration is still advertising for skilled men to meet a merchant seamen shortage.

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Akron, Ohio

Pay increases adding up to millions of dollars a year were won by the United Rubber Workers in a decision handed down by the National War Labor Board granting a 3c hourly bonus for night work.

Affecting 140,000 employees in 92 plants throughout the country, the decision also provides for liberalized vacations and pay for lunch periods for workers required to remain in the plant. Demands for a 17c general wage increase above the Little Steel formula were denied without prejudice if national wage policy should be changed.

The night pay bonus, retroactive for 10 months, will boost take-home pay in 1945 by \$3 million and amount to an annual pay increase of about \$3,600,000, the union estimates, since some 400,000 rubber workers are employed on the night shift.

Amount of service required for a 1-week vacation has been reduced from two years to one and employees with five years service will get two weeks.

AFL ISSUES WARNING TO LATSE HEAD

Hollywood, Calif.

Pres. Richard Walsh of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees has received a reprimand from the AFL executive council in Washington ordering him to cease issuing charters in an attempt to take over some of the striking unions in the current Hollywood strike, it was reported here.

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THE NEW PATRIOTISM

"My country, right or wrong; may she always be right, but my country!"

That sounds good, doesn't it? But is it good? This classic American slogan, when analyzed calmly, proves a mischief-maker. Every German who served under Adolf Hitler and obeyed orders to kill, loot, rape and destroy will attempt to justify himself with just such a slogan. If enough Germans had at the beginning recognized the evil of fascism and had stood up on their hind legs to oppose the government (country) as it prepared to bathe Europe in blood, there would have been no war. From now on out, Hirohito will try to rally his slaves for the last desperate stand with the battle-cry: "Remember your country, right or wrong!"

True national pride in constructive achievement is one thing. Acquiescence in injustice just because one's own country is guilty of it—that is jingoism, and fascism grows as naturally out of jingoism as mushrooms out of manure piles.

That great American citizen of German birth, Carl Schurz, phrased it better: "Our country, right or wrong. When right, to be kept right; when wrong, to be put right." But even that lacks something. For if every citizen of every country is to take the position that, after he has failed to put his country right, he is nevertheless morally bound to take up arms against peoples of other countries to enforce a great wrong dictated by his government, the prospect of world peace fades out completely. At this critical time in the world's history perhaps it would be better to impress on the minds of our school children the paraphrase of another famous patriotic slogan:

"Millions for defense—not one cent for imperialism or aggression against the peoples of other countries!"

PROSPERITY AND WASTE

The greatest problem of our time—a time of specialization in all lines of production—is distribution. The fundamental principle which must be applied at all times and in all situations is: *That all costs between producer and consumer must be kept as low as possible.*

There must be low interest, low rent, low taxes on transactions, low profits and high turnover, efficient transportation, efficient distribution services.

For instance, the cost of advertising is added to the price of an article. Advertising that is not definitely educational or conducive to mass production is a social loss.

Advertising helped bring about greatly reduced prices for automobiles by stimulating mass production, but it has only increased the cost of bread. The pyramiding of useless costs for a pound of wheat from the time it leaves the farmer until it arrives on your table in the form of loaves is fantastic.

Of course, there must be buying capacity, steady work and good wages, but that is another side to the many-sided prosperity story.

Coddling the Big Crooks

Almost every day in the United States will appear some such item as the one concerning the parole of Dick Leche, ex-governor of Louisiana. Leche cheated the state out of \$51,000 on a highway truck deal; got a boat costing \$15,000 out of state funds; got \$70,000 from a black market oil dealer. He has served three years of a ten year sentence, and now is applying for a parole.

William Warren, president of a wholesale liquor company, by adulterating liquor and selling above "ceiling," cleaned up a million dollars. He was fined \$3,000 and sentenced to a year in jail.

Under such procedure the criminal can steal a million, serve two or three years, pay a fine of one-tenth of what he stole, and then go free to spend the rest.

The penalty should provide that the criminal should remain in prison until full refund has been made, when possible. Any person aiding him to "cover up" stolen money should be treated likewise. All paroles and probation should require restitution of property or restoration of damage done.

BANK INFLATION

Banks now hold about \$100 billion in U. S. Government bonds. Under the banking laws passed by Congress in the "panic days," these bonds are "security" for the issue (to the local banks) of Federal Reserve Bank notes. This means that the amount of money that can be loaned by the banks is, for all practical purposes, unlimited. As in the 20's, the banks will be tempted to loan more and more money on security more and more subject to panic prices, foreclosures and bankruptcy.

Most of the bonds acquired by the banks are those turned in by purchasers. In October 1944 the bonds "redeemed" by the banks, were 57.6 per cent of the sales; in February, 1945, 38.1 per cent. The stage is being set for a frightening inflation.

Moral: Don't cash your bonds! Don't buy things you don't need!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

REPLACEMENTS SIMPLE

The prim, bespectacled Sunday-school teacher brought her young class to order:

"Now, you have just heard me tell you the story of wise King Solomon," she said. "And of the two women who both claimed the baby, and how King Solomon ordered the baby cut in two and half given to each supposed mother; whereupon one of the women cried to the king to give the child to the other woman, thus proving that she herself was the real mother."

The teacher paused and glanced around her class, then added:

"Now, I am going to ask one of you in the class what you would have done if you had been in King Solomon's place. All right, Willie?"

To her great consternation William, in all the bright innocence of his seven years, spoke right up:

"I would have said: 'Why must you ladies quarrel over a mere baby?—there's plenty more where this one came from!'"

POINT AT ISSUE

"I wore this gown to the party despite my husband's objections."

"That shows a lot of backbone."

"I'll say. That's why he objected to it."

TREMENDOUS DEMAND

CUSTOMER (in book shop): "Can you get me a copy of Kathleen Winsor's sensational best-seller, 'Forever Under'?"

WITHIN THE FOLD

"You mean to tell me that he just sat on the sofa all evening with his arms folded?"

"Yes, but I was in them."

PERFECTLY LOGICAL

"If a drunk is Souse of the Border in Mexico, what is he in France?"

"Plaster of Paris."

SURE FULL OF IT

A true story going the rounds reports the case of a man in Providence, Rhode Island. It seems that he went to the medicine cabinet to get an aspirin, but by mistake swallowed one of the pills bought by his wife for her petunia plant.

At once realizing his mistake, he made a bee-line for the telephone to call up his drug store. The druggist reassured him and said there was nothing really to worry about. He said:

"You see, you've merely swallowed the equivalent of 18 bushels of manure."

SLIGHT ERROR

CALKER: "You say you were on a furlong? You mean a fur-long?"

RIGGER: "No, I mean furlong—I went too far and stayed too long."

ATTENTION: ELSA MAXWELL

From a Brooklyn department store's newspaper ad:

LADIES' SILK RAYON BLOOMERS, 29 cents a pair, TABLE COVERS TO MATCH, 39 cents.

THE PROPER LOCATION

Said the tattoo artist to the departing logger:

"Now remember, don't sit down for a few hours—give Hitler's face a chance to dry."

Stockholders In Revolt Against Ward's Policies

Chicago, Illinois

Revolt against Sewell L. Avery's anti-labor and anti-government policies flared at the hottest temperature yet reached at Montgomery Ward & Co.'s annual stockholders meeting here.

More than 160,000 shares of Ward stock backed up a proxy statement at the meeting charging that Board Chairman Avery's management of the company had damaged not only the company but the country.

The proxies had been solicited from more than 60,000 Ward shareholders before the meeting by a shareholders protest group.

The group has been campaigning against the Avery management throughout its notorious fight against United, Wholesale and Department Store Employees and its defiance of the National War Labor Board, which came to a climax last winter when President Roosevelt ordered army seizure of Ward properties to end their interference with the war effort.

STEEL UNION WINS BARGAINING RIGHT FOR ALUMINUM CO.

Alcoa, Tennessee

The United Steelworkers is still bargaining agent for workers at the Aluminum Co. of America here, receiving three times as many votes as the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated) and the AFL in an NLRB election. The steelworkers received 3654 votes, UMW Dist. 50, 985, AFL, 810 and no union, 129.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

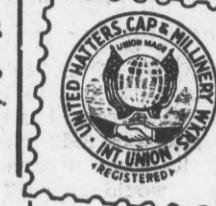
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Pope Pius XI, in the encyclical letter, "Quadragesimo Anno," issued in May, 1931: "IN THE FIRST PLACE THE WAGE PAID TO THE WORKINGMAN MUST BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY... LABOR, INDEED, IS NOT A MERE CHATTEL SINCE THE HUMAN DIGNITY OF THE WORKINGMAN MUST BE RECOGNIZED IN IT, AND CONSEQUENTLY IT CAN NOT BE BOUGHT AND SOLD LIKE ANY PIECE OF MERCHANDISE..."

LABOR WORKS—
FIGHTS—GIVES—
AND BUYS U.S.
WAR BONDS!

A NEW SPEED RECORD IN ORGANIZING A PLANT AND SIGNING A CONTRACT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SET BY THE STEEL WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, C.I.O. IN THE EASTON & ALLENTON PLANTS OF THE HARRY CROWDER CO. EMPLOYEES HELD THEIR FIRST UNION MEETING AT 5 P.M., MEMBERSHIP CARDS WERE SIGNED AND A CONTRACT DRAWN UP BY 7 P.M. COMPANY OFFICIALS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES MET AT 8 P.M., AT 9 P.M. THE COMPANY SIGNED.

THIS IS THE HAT UNION LABEL. INSIST ON IT!



WHY WOMEN CRY (OR WENCHES WITH WRENCHES), by Elizabeth Hawes. Published by Reynal & Hitchcock, New York. Price, \$2.50.

Men, there's a revolution cooking in your own kitchens—revolution of the forgotten female, who is finally waking up to the fact that she can produce other things besides babies. The day of the common man is coming up—and "don't think the common woman is just sitting around preparing to spend the whole of that day in the kitchen."

This is what Elizabeth Hawes says. It's an account of her experiences as a grinder in the Wright Aeronautical Corp. plant in Paterson, N. J., where she joined the United Auto Workers (C.I.O.) and went to union meetings.

Miss Hawes saw women working in plants along with men, doing a good job, and liking it. She thinks every woman should have the chance to work outside her own home. "No woman on God's earth," she says, "wants to have her entire life swing around a solitary, boring, repetitive business which means exhausting herself washing the same dishes and clothes day in and day out—cooking food for the same people, seldom seeing a living soul other than a tired husband and her own children for more than a very short time."

But the women Miss Hawes worked with in the Wright plant

BETTY GOLDSTEIN.

"And the men must work along with us in the solution of our basic home problems or there will be no homes worth mentioning in the USA."

—BETTY GOLDSTEIN.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Prayer for Guidance

Make me too brave to lie or be unkind.
Make me too understanding, too, to mind
The little hurts companions give and friends,
The careless hurts that no one quite intends.

Make me too thoughtful to hurt others so.
Help me to know

The inmost hearts of those for whom I care
Their secret wishes, all the loads they bear

That I may add my courage to their own.

Help me make lonely folk feel less alone

And happy ones a little happier yet!

Help me forget

What to be forgotten; and recall

Unfailing all

That ought to be recalled, each kindly thing;

Forgetting what might sting.

To all upon my way,

Day after day

Let me be joy, be hope! Let my life sing!

—ANONYMOUS.

Labor Executives Pledge Full Support for Seventh



Western CIO and AFL Labor Executives in 7th War Loan Drive conference with War Finance officials in Chicago.

IF YOU HAVE AN INCOME

you have a quota
in the Mighty 7th War Loan

Find your quota and make it! We've got to make the 7th the biggest yet!

IF YOUR AVERAGE INCOME PER MONTH IS:	YOUR PERSONAL WAR BOND QUOTA IS: (CASH VALUE)	MATURITY VALUE OF 7th WAR LOAN BONDS BOUGHT
\$250	\$187.50	\$250
225-250	150.00	200
210-225	131.25	175
200-210	112.50	150
180-200	93.75	125
140-180	75.00	100
100-140	37.50	50
Under \$100	18.75	25



ALL OUT FOR THE MIGHTY 7th WAR LOAN

Give Your Dollars a Chance to Fight!

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Phone 685



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE ITS
QUOTA BY MEETING YOUR PERSONAL QUOTA

BY THIS time last year Victory Volunteers in this community had made the rounds twice to get out fighting dollars for War Bonds. So if you've wondered why no one has called on you yet in 1945, here's the reason . . . The Mighty 7th War Loan (starting May 14) will be TWO GREAT DRIVES COMBINED IN ONE!

And think what that means. All the old rules of buying you set for yourself in the past are out. America's growing battle might is costing more dollars every hour. Only by your purchase of MORE BONDS AND BIGGER ONES in this double drive will you be doing right by the men who fight.

Remember that your community has a quota it will be proud to make. It's made up of all the personal quotas of you . . . your neighbor next door . . . the people up and down your street . . . EVERYBODY in this vicinity. So it's EVERYBODY ALL OUT . . . buy bigger bonds and more of them when the Victory Volunteer calls. Our fighting men are watching what you do!



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PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas, Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

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To all of our members employed at the Spiegel Food Company: The Personnel Office under the direction of Lester Rogers will sell bonds during the present Seventh War Loan Drive, and will also write up payroll deductions. It looks as if the months ahead will have plenty of work for all of us at Spiegel's.

We regret to state that Brother Herman Johnson, a trustee of this Union, has resigned in order to take a position as foreman at the Spiegel's Food Company. Brother Johnson deserves a great deal of credit for the manner in which he has conducted himself as a member and an officer of our Union. We wish to extend to him every success in his new venture, and assure him that he will always be welcome in our Local Union in the event he returns.

To our members employed in the Watsonville area: Western Frozen Foods—On May 14 a ruling was issued by the Tenth Regional War Labor Board with reference to your case up for reconsideration. The following rates were approved as of August 17, 1944: Weigher, 0.95 per hour minimum; Clark Lift operator, 0.95 per hour. The following rates are also in effect: Maintenance mechanic, \$1.05 per hour; assistant maintenance mechanic, 0.95 per hour; drivers local, \$1.00 per hour; belt feeders, 0.75¢ per hour. The sale of the classifications remain the same. A differential of .05¢ per hour for all employees on the second shift up until midnight. The balance of the classifications remain the same insofar as their rates are concerned.

The following poem is written by Brother Earl Safley whose son was killed in action in January, 1945, in France. We deeply regret, also, to hear of the news of the death of Brother Donald C. Boyd's son who was killed in action in the last days of the European War. These boys died so that we can live as free men and women. In order that we may continue to live as free men and women, we must continue to buy bonds:

IN MEMORY OF OUR SON
There is a blue star in a window,
Shining brightly as can be,
Shining for some loved one,

Who is far beyond the sea,
While the blue star is shining.

He is fighting gallantly and bold,
And may God bless the loved ones,

When that blue star turns to gold.

Your organization has a sick fund the purpose of which is to take care of our members in the event of disability or sickness. However, certain conditions must be followed in order that the sick fund is properly distributed. In the event you become sick or disabled, report it to the office immediately.

Some of our members are entitled to back pay, and if you have not received the same, contact bus. rep. Kenyon.

To our members employed in the ice industry in the Salinas area: Your case which has been before an Appeal Committee for a long time with reference to a 0.05¢ per hour increase will be decided in the very near future. This case has been before an Appeals Committee for reconsideration. Further information was requested from the Wage Stabilization Committee, and we are hopeful that a favorable decision will be rendered. In the instance of the Arbitration Hearings affecting vacations with pay at the Salinas Valley Ice Company plants, the fifth member of the committee failed to render a decisive opinion. A new hearing will be held and a new man must be chosen. Upon receipt of the opinion, the matter will be conveyed to the ien immediately.

With reference to our cannery case as it applies to our people employed at the Frank Reiter Cannery Company, Stabilization Director already rendered

an opinion in the instance of the night shift work as it may affect the large cannery groups. Action will be taken very soon, no doubt, on the balance of the issues involved, such as the 8-hour day, or the 48-hour week. Vacations with pay and other conditions which may mean an improvement where you are employed. This may be of interest to some of our members. You may now transfer into any of the canneries in Northern and Central California without any additional fees. This also applies to the state of Washington, and Oregon. Our International Union has been given jurisdiction of all fruit and vegetable canneries.

Attention lettuce truck drivers: Meetings are being held with your

Line of Jobless Grows at Ford's Plant; Workers Demanding Action

Detroit, Michigan
Rapid demobilization of war workers at Ford Motor Co. plants finds the authorities in the Detroit area virtually helpless while members of the United Auto Workers are demanding swift action to forestall unemployment.

State Director Edward L. Cushman of the war manpower commission easily dismissed the whirlwind tapering off of the huge Willow Run bomber plant, expected to close down this month, as the natural end of what he terms "a glamor plant." He lightly said: "Workers, especially women, should be impressed with the fact that similar jobs are not available."

More seriously UAW Pres. R. J. Thomas told a huge mass meeting of Ford workers: "Unless more adequate planning is done we are facing unemployment for everyone in Detroit. Let the government put up these plants for sale and we'll find out if the manufacturers want the plants scrapped or are trying to get a good bargain by waiting."

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From the Ammunition Box

Columbus, Ohio
 Here's a potent reconversion fact Ohio unionists are getting ready to act on after looking over the Ammunition Box, sent out weekly by the Ohio Industrial Union Council:

"Uncle Sam—you and I—today owns 90% of the synthetic rubber capacity; 90% of aircraft production facilities; 96% of the magnesium capacity; 70% of the aluminum capacity; 50% of machine tool factories; 10% of the nation's steel plants."

"Big business is already attempting to get this vast industrial empire (built with our war bonds) for little or nothing on the auction block. Average people everywhere should (1) prevent such a steal, (2) insist that these plants be released only for full production."

**UNION ASKS
PASSAGE OF
RECIPROCAL
TRADE BILL**

Washington, D. C.
 Secretary-Treasurer Jacob S. Postofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Chairman of the Latin American Affairs Committee told the House Ways and Means Committee that the passage of the reciprocal trade agreements act was vital to prosperity and peace.

A second and almost equally important consideration which V-E Day forces upon us is the necessity for the United Nations to agree upon the type of international organization that is needed in the post-war period. No matter how much some people want to "get back to normalcy," the "normalcy" of former years is impossible. The San Francisco Conference faces the immediate responsibility of making every minute count in the formulating of a United Nations agreement, which will stand up during the transition years immediately following. This is no time for quibbling or minor details or for permitting false rumors and historical prejudices to hinder the calm and collective consideration of international organization. The time is now; V-E Day has only served to re-emphasize that fact and to make it more acute. Similarly, the Congress of the United States must stop wasting time with pressure groups and must enact at the earliest possible moment the Bretton Woods Agreements, which, as I have tried so often to point out in this column and elsewhere, are as essential to post-war peace and stabilization as will be the political agreements drawn up at San Francisco.

A third vital consideration which V-E Day drives home is the necessity for extending and making more comprehensive our plans for demobilization and for reorienting our national life economically. While the war with Japan goes on, many changes will be necessary here on the home front. The current issue of the magazine BUSINESS WEEK estimates that we shall soon have a minimum of 5,000,000 unemployed and goes on to state that this "is not considered dangerous." Now maybe BUSINESS WEEK does not consider that 5 million men out of work creates a dangerous situation, but I wonder what those same 5 million themselves will say? Moreover, what will the communities say that will have to help support them? What will the merchants say who will lose 5 million customers? To me it seems to pose a most serious problem and one which challenges the best thinking in Congress, in the Administration, and in industry itself.

The implications in these few statistics are of tremendous importance. To your representative they re-emphasize the necessity for comprehensive government planning and comprehensive planning on the part of private enterprise.

More than that, they are a challenge to both government and industry. As we celebrate V-E Day let us constantly keep in front of us that the problems which we still face are, in many ways, as difficult and as important as those which have already been solved.

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On or about the 15th day of June, the C. B. Gentry Company will start their annual processing season. Notices will be sent out by registered mail, informing you of the opening day in accordance with your seniority standing at the plant. If you fail to answer within a specified time as indicated on the card, you will break your continuity of seniority. The company is anxious to commence operations immediately, however, because of the shortage of maintenance mechanics, the earliest possible starting will be June 15. In the event you become sick or disabled and are an active member in good standing, report immediately to our division office in Gilroy, telephone 559.

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County was called to order by President William J. Dickerson at 8 P. M., May 17, 1945. Roll call showed eight local unions represented. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

Correspondence: Received a letter from Lathers Local Union No. 122 with credentials for Brother E. S. Morse and Roy Benge as delegates. The letter received and the delegates seated.

A letter from Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers No. 690, giving information on a swimming pool to be built at Camp Robert.

A letter from the United States Treasury Department requesting the support of Labor in the 7th War Loan drive. (Approved).

A letter from the State Federation of Labor giving information on the defeat of the De Mille bill and the sponsor's intention to have it placed on the ballot at the next state election, and asking that Labor use its influence to prevent its friends from signing the petition.

Received a copy of the minutes of the B. & C. T. C. of Santa Clara County.

From the State B. & C. T. C. of California, two letters reporting the State Legislation as it affects Labor.

Two weekly news letters from the State Federation of Labor.

Received a report from the Northern California Union Health Committee.

Received a report on the activities of the American Red Cross.

Business manager's report: There are several new homes being started. He visited Robles Del Rio where there are four new homes in progress, visited Salinas to take up jurisdiction on the installation of cork. All jobs are working short-handed. (The report was accepted).

Reports of Unions: Brother Alipio, Sheet Metal Workers No. 304 — good meeting, elected officers for the next year. The present officers were retained except for the trustees, who were newly elected.

Brother Webster, Carpenters No. 1323—routine business, initiated two new members.

Brother Walker, Roofers No. 50 — no regular meeting, but attended State Council meeting held in Fresno, where many things of importance were discussed. They sent a protest to the Mail Order Houses for the way they have given preference to non-union roofers when selling their material.

Brother Fales, Electrical Workers No. 1072—good meeting. They have several new members in the local, but are still short of help.

Brother Morse, Lathers No. 122—no regular meeting. The work has increased considerably in the past month.

Good of the Council: Several minutes of discussion as to what would constitute work essential to the war effort.

No further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG, Secy.-Mgr.

The portion of a law usually

found unconstitutional is the teeth.

Tito Gives Co-ops 'Green Light' Signal

"Particular attention will be paid to the cooperative movement, which will play an important part in the reconstruction of the country."

This authoritative statement was made by Marshal Tito in the course of a speech on "The Tasks of the National Government," in which he outlined the aims and policy of the government of Democratic Federal Yugoslavia, which, formed on March 7, 1945, has taken over the conduct of the state. — COOPERATIVE NEWS. Manchester, England.

Machinists in Stand Against Compulsory Training After War

Washington, D. C. A resolution opposing compulsory peacetime military conscription has been adopted by the executive council of the International Association of Machinists in session here.

The resolution said that in Europe compulsory military service imposed a severe burden on the people "while popular education and general well-being suffered as a result of it." It said "peacetime military conscription is a violation of American tradition and direct blow to democracy."

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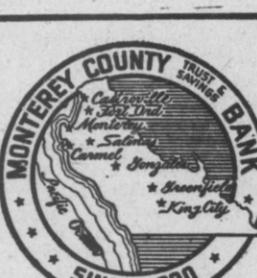
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